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Mayor Barrett Announces \$1.075 million Recovery Act Pathways out of Poverty Award for Green Job Training

MILWAUKEE – Mayor Tom Barrett today announced that Milwaukee was one of five cities awarded an ARRA Pathways out of Poverty grant. The \$1.075 million award will be utilized to train workers in skills for the growing green economy.

“I am very pleased with today’s news that Milwaukee will be a recipient of one of the Pathways out of Poverty Awards,” said Mayor Tom Barrett. “This funding will expand our efforts training workers who are directly facing the challenges of poverty and unemployment, and introduce skills where people can find steady employment.”

The Pathways out of Poverty award will help expand the Milwaukee Builds Program and the Milwaukee Urban Forestry Initiative, which prepares youth and young adults for careers and jobs in the construction and forestry sectors respectively. In addition to today’s award, the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board and the City of Milwaukee’s Community Development Grants Administration are leveraging approximately \$2.75 million in additional funds for Milwaukee Builds and the Urban Forestry Initiative.

Jobs for the Future, Inc. was the national recipient of the ARRA grant, and in addition to Milwaukee Builds and the Urban Forestry Initiative, Jobs for the Future will be partnering with other organizations such as the Milwaukee Community Service Corps, Northcott Neighborhood House, Milwaukee Christian Center, and the WI Regional Training Partnership Program.

“This award is another of example of the necessary importance of the strong public-private partnerships needed to help train workers and attract jobs to our community. I thank Congresswoman Moore for her efforts to direct these funds to Milwaukee,” concluded Mayor Barrett.